

# FOR SOLDIER BURIAL

William A. Skahill Charged With False Claim Under His Contract.

# NURSE GIVES EVIDENCE

Finds Body of Arthur Cliff Buried With Two Others in Single Grave.

# NOT PROPERLY SEALED

Indictment Follows Charges of Flimsy Caskets Used for Soldier Dead.

William A. Skahill, an undertaker of 385 West Fifth street, who since last November, under a contract with the United States Public Health Service, has buried more than one hundred bodies of soldiers, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury yesterday on a charge of having presented a false claim in connection with the burial of the body of Arthur Cliff, a soldier at the Fox Hills Hospital, on Staten Island, who was drowned in the Narrows last April.

The indictment of Skahill is the first which has followed the many charges that bodies of soldier dead in this city and elsewhere were being buried hastily and without proper preparation. Most of the facts which led up to yesterday's indictment were brought out in the early part of the investigation which are being conducted by the Meyer committee and through investigation by the American Legion.

# Buried With Others.

It was charged before the Meyer committee that soldier dead had been buried in the city's burying ground for paupers by undertakers who had charged for the purchase of single graves in established cemeteries, and that they had been buried in flimsy caskets and coffins when it was stipulated that the body of each soldier must rest in a hermetically sealed casket.

The punishment provided by law for the offense, which is Skahill's first, is a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for two years. It is contended that he filed a claim for \$100 for the burial of Cliff in the manner and in such a place as provided in his contract with the health authorities, and that when the burial was investigated it was found that the soldier's body had been placed in a coffin which was not properly sealed and then put in a grave in which other bodies had been buried previously.

One of the witnesses who testified before the Grand Jury which indicted Skahill is Miss Minnie Byrne, a nurse at the hospital at Fox Hills. Cliff had been one of the patients in a ward of which she was in charge and after his death relatives communicated with her and asked her to bury his body, and to have a headstone put over his grave.

# Records Are Examined.

She went to St. Michael's Cemetery in Astoria, where the body had been buried, and asked to see the grave. She was taken to it, and having stated her errand was asked at once which of the four bodies in the grave the headstone was intended for. She said she had been told by the undertaker that the body of the soldier was in the grave, and she was on duty supposed to be buried in a separate grave, she made certain by looking at the headstone, and was finally convinced that he had been buried in a grave with other bodies, from the records at the cemetery office.

These records indicate that two other bodies of soldiers, Joseph Cross and Karl Koskran, were buried in the grave where Cliff's body was placed afterward, one of them on March 22 and the other five days later. Cliff's body was buried on May 1. The indictment, however, does not charge Skahill with presenting a false claim for the purchase of a single grave, for, after charging \$15 for the burial, he was charged with the purchase of a single grave, for, after charging \$15 for the burial, he was charged with the purchase of a single grave, for, after charging \$15 for the burial, he was charged with the purchase of a single grave.

# SAPPHIRE CRACKED, MRS. LIGGETT ASSERTS

Wants Her Money Back From Fifth Avenue Jewellers.

Mrs. John E. Liggett, wife of a St. Louis tobacco man, who made a pilgrimage to him in 1914 as Violet Colby, musical comedy star, started suit yesterday to recover \$9,800 from E. M. Gattie & Co., Fifth Avenue Jewellers, who she alleged had taken over some jewelry, telling the firm she knew nothing of precious stones and was dependent upon its expert advice. She says she was shown a fifteen-carat sapphire, which was described to her as of "marvellous character," perfect except for certain "silk" that might appear but would not be considered a defect. She bought it, she asserted, but discovered a crack in the stone, which she claims was not in it at the time the stone was shown her. She believes the jewel was falsly represented to her and is worth only \$1,200. She offered to return the stone in return for the money she paid, but the firm has refused the offer, she alleges.

# MISSION WORKER DROWNS.

Miss Marian Crawford Dies After Saving Little Girl.

Word was received yesterday in Montclair, N. J., that Miss Marian Crawford, a teacher at the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions among Kentucky mountaineer children, was drowned Thursday afternoon in the Cumberland River, near Smiths, Ky., after rescuing one of her pupils. She dove in when she saw the youngster, an eight-year-old girl, struggling with the current, and pushed her safely to the bank, but slipped back into the stream herself. It is believed overexertion brought on a heart attack.

Miss Crawford was 35 years old and lived in Montclair with an aunt, Mrs. L. S. Crawford. She was a Wesleyan College graduate. Funeral services will be held tomorrow in Montclair. Burial is to be in Cooperstown, N. Y.

# TWO CAUGHT STEALING COIN ON CAR HOLDING \$1,250,000

Telegraph Operators Seeking Work Cause Flurry on New York Central Express—Fined \$3 Each and Assessed Fare From Harmon to New York.

An express car, guarded by twelve men armed with rifles and carrying a quantity of gold bullion reported to exceed \$1,250,000 in value and bound for the United States assay office in New York, rolled into the Harmon station of the New York Central Railroad yesterday morning attached to No. 8, a fast train from Buffalo. While the train stopped at Harmon to change from a steam engine to an electric platform train, the door of the car in which the gold was placed and told the guards that two men were riding the blinds on the outside of the car.

The guards said that this was impossible because there were twelve men inside and they had gone over the car thoroughly at every stop out of Buffalo.

# TEN BANKS VICTIMS OF CHECK RAISERS

3 Men Arrested on Charges Involving \$20,000 Lost in Last Two Months.

Check raising operations said to have involved more than \$20,000, in which ten or more banks were victimized within the last two months, were charged yesterday against three young men arrested in a printing shop at 57 First street. Harvey H. April, 1148 Longfellow avenue, the Bronx, who conducted the printing shop, was said to have falsified after making a statement at Police Headquarters. The others arrested were Samuel M. Muhl, 24 First avenue, and William V. April, 1423 Grand Concourse, the Bronx.

Detectives Browne, Newman and Meehan of the bomb squad said they had charged the three with falsifying checks alleged to have been forged by the defendants. These checks originally were said to have been for amounts varying between \$500 and \$1,000, and were sent in by patrons of the printing shop.

Among the banks on which the fraudulent checks were drawn the police listed the Irving National Bank, American Trust Company, Merchants Bank, Brooklyn, Commonwealth Bank of New York, Chatham and Phoenix Bank, Third avenue and Fifty-seventh street, Greenwich Bank, West Broadway, and the Fulton street branch of the Corn Exchange Bank.

After having the forged checks certified by the banks, the detectives seized small purses made with them, which left a large cash return. A check on the Commercial Exchange Bank for \$643 was passed Thursday at William Barthman & Co., Jewellers, 114 Broadway, it was charged.

Leah T. White, who was arrested Thursday night on a charge of forgery, was held in \$2,500 bail yesterday in West Side Court for examination Monday. White's trouble was a dancing craze, according to the police, that led to a desire to curry favor with women. He was said to have been a dancing instructor, and that he had made purchases of a baby grand piano, a \$1,000 automobile, \$350 living room tapestry set and rings and other jewelry.

He gave Leo Bernstein, one of the proprietors of the Rose Garden, Broadway and Forty-ninth street, a check for \$301.07, drawn to Bernstein's order, and signed R. B. Zabriskie, the police charge, which was returned by the Pacific Bank, Seventh avenue and Forty-ninth street, White was arrested at the dancing academy on complaint of R. B. Zabriskie, a local merchant.

# GORHAM CO. LOSES FIGHT ON TAX HERE

State and Federal Governments Held Inapparent.

A suit brought in the United States District Court by the Gorham Corporation, a manufacturing company asking that the State Comptroller be enjoined from collecting a tax of 3 per cent. on all sales made by the company in this State was dismissed yesterday by Judge Learned Hand.

The company, which is a Rhode Island corporation, demanded in its complaint that it was free from the tax, which it paid on sales in New York by set off against the State tax which it would be required to pay on the same sales. The amount of money involved was \$200, but it was stated in court that whatever decision was rendered would be of interest to corporations which had paid both taxes.

Judge Hand in dismissing the suit said: "The United States and the State of New York are independent powers and each taxes and seizes a part of the same income, but there is no reason why either one should recognize the deductions of the other."

# BOXER'S AUTOMOBILE KILLS WOMAN OF 55

Jake Ahearn Was on Way to 'Weigh In.'

An automobile in which Manus O'Donnell of 191 Ba'lin street, Brooklyn, and Jake Ahearn, a middleweight fighter, were riding struck and killed Mrs. Lillian McNeill, 55 years old, of 55 Dean street, Brooklyn, in Livingston street, near Smith street, in Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon.

Ahearn was scheduled to meet Harold Abbott in a ten round bout at Rockaway Beach last night. O'Donnell was driving him to Rockaway to weigh in for the fight. According to the police, Mrs. McNeill carried a parcel and several packages.

O'Donnell was held by Magistrate Brown in \$1,000 bail until next Friday on a technical charge of homicide. Ahearn, considerably shaken up by his experience, proceeded to Rockaway.

# PHYSICIAN ACQUITTED; POLICE ACTS SCORED

Jury Assails Methods in Freeing Dr. F. Van Vliet.

Dr. Fred Van Vliet of 65 West Twelfth street, who was tried before Judge Otto A. Rosenfeld on a charge of attempting a criminal operation, was acquitted by a jury yesterday. In bringing in its verdict the jury expressed disapproval of the police method of getting evidence against the defendant.

In addition to a general denial of the complaint, James D. Murray, counsel for Dr. Van Vliet, said his client had been practicing in Greenwich Village for many years and was well known as a friend and helper of the people there.

# WASSTON'S EXPLOSION: 1,000 FLEE DANGER

Firemen and Police Reserves Send Flat Dwellers of Avenue C to Safety.

# WOMAN IS SOLE VICTIM

Patients in Willard Parker Hospital Escape Peril—District Is Patrolled.

A thousand persons living in Avenue C, between Fourteenth and Eighteenth streets, were ordered from their homes by Assistant Chief Joseph Martin of the Fire Department last night when the plate of a gas tank at Avenue C and Fifteenth street exploded and 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas began to emerge. The residents of the district hurried from their homes and fled north and south just in advance of the gas, which swept into the tenements through open doors and windows, and Chief Martin said that if they had not left when they did, several hundred probably would have been seriously affected and many asphyxiated.

Most of the people in Avenue C are foreigners, and they became so excited when they smelled the gas that the firemen ran from flat to flat ordering them to leave their homes that for a time it looked as if a riot might result. Police reserves were hurried to the scene from the East Twenty-second street station and, coaxed and urged by firemen and patrolmen, the stream of humanity went from the tenements in an orderly manner and without any one being hurt. After an hour and a half the Consolidated Gas Company, which owns the tank, managed to get the flow of gas under control and the people were allowed to return to their homes.

George Morris, construction engineer for the gas company, said that the plate on top of the tank, which held the gas under pressure, had become fractured and enough of the gas had escaped to cause the explosion. The gas at once began to pour out. It was first noticed by John McGuire, 267 Avenue C, who turned in a fire alarm which brought Battalion Chief John Blinn. Chief Blinn turned in another alarm and Chief Martin responded. While the firemen under orders of Chief Martin were ordering the tenants from their homes employees of the gas company turned off the feed pipe of the tank and began pumping a large quantity of the gas into the street.

For several hours after the danger had passed policemen patrolled the district and permitted no one to walk on the east side of the street. The firemen under orders of Chief Martin were ordering the tenants from their homes employees of the gas company turned off the feed pipe of the tank and began pumping a large quantity of the gas into the street.

This is the corporation of which former Gov. Alfred E. Smith is chairman of the board. Mr. Smith took no part in the proceedings so far as appeared yesterday.

James S. Reardon, the vice-president, was reported to be dealing directly with the men who were bringing them to a conference during the afternoon. This, however, failed to develop. One of the company officials said: "We put it up to the brotherhood to send the men back to work or supply us with fuel."

The United States Trucking Corporation was formed in January, 1920, by the merging of twenty-seven of the largest trucking businesses, and has branches in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Jersey City. It owns 2,400 horses, 1,800 horse drawn vehicles and 350 motor trucks.

# THREE CHILDREN DIE OF MYSTERIOUS POISON

Toadstools Suspected of Causing Illness in The Bronx.

Dr. John Regelmann, Medical Examiner for Bronx county, has begun an investigation to see if he can determine the nature of the disease which killed Catherine, Andrew and James Lennox, the children of Patrolman Andrew Lennox of Headquarters, within the last ten days, at Fordham Hospital. Catherine, who was 10 years old, died last Tuesday, and Andrew, who was 9, died two days later. James, who was 5 years old, died ten days ago.

Dr. Regelmann said last night that he had sent a specimen of the toadstools and Andrew to Dr. A. O. Gettler for analysis and hoped by this means to determine the cause of death. An autopsy showed that the children had blood poisoning of the throat and intestines, the poisoning being similar to that caused by eating toadstools. Several other children, who lived in the same house in 1707 Selwyn place, The Bronx, are reported to be suffering from sore throats and they are being watched to see if they might have contracted the disease. The toadstools shown by the children before they were sent to the hospital.

# BODY OF YOUNG BRUCH IS WASHED ASHORE

Found Off Collender's Point on Long Island Sound.

The body of Russell Bruch, 24, of New York, who disappeared Sunday night while canoeing off Sound Beach, Conn., was picked up last night off Collender's Point and was taken ashore at Lands End, the summer home of Dr. John A. Harris, special agent in charge of the city hospitals for confinement cases as a means of relief to families whose income ranged between \$2,500 and \$5,000 a year.

Dr. Coler said that the privately owned hospital of Brooklyn and Manhattan had become "purely business institutions" and that, while the poor could not afford to pay fees of from \$150 to \$250, there was no place for the patient of moderate means to go and still retain self-respect. The charge at the city hospital was \$200 a week. Dr. Coler's new plan will be \$250 a day.

# RECEIVERS FOR LARGE COAL MINE COMPANY

Interstate, \$4,000,000 Assets, Liable for \$800,000.

John M. Johnston and E. M. Poston were appointed in the United States District Court yesterday as receivers for the Interstate Coal and Dock Company, a Wisconsin corporation with offices at 32 Broadway, this city. The company owns large coal mining properties and operates docks and coal piers in many parts of the country.

The company has assets of more than \$4,000,000 and is being sued by eight different companies whose claims aggregate \$800,000. The receivership was granted in order to avoid wasting the company's assets through a multiplicity of suits.

# IN PARCELS POST FRAUD NET.

Alleged Backer of Gang Swindling Merchants Is Captured.

Assistant United States Attorney Robert C. McCormick, who is in charge of the prosecution of several men accused of using the parcels post to defraud, received a telegram from Chicago yesterday announcing the capture there of Julius Schwartz, who is accused of being the financial backer of a gang which has been operating in this city.

The gang is said to have cleaned up nearly \$500,000 by opening small stores and receiving mail orders at them which were either not filled at all or were filled by sending out worthless goods.

# COUPLE IDENTIFY ATTACKERS.

Margaret Burke and Richard McKenna Point Them Out.

Miss Margaret Burke, 20, of 1101 Lexington avenue, and Richard McKenna, 26, of 1975 Seventh avenue, identified in Washington Heights court yesterday two men accused of attacking them Thursday night on Riverside Drive at 125th street. The men were held in \$5,000 bail each for examination Monday by Magistrate George W. Simpson on a charge of felonious assault.

The defendants are Michael Walsh, 20, 1427 Amsterdam avenue, and James Rivett, 19, 449 West 125th street.

# BOY'S ARM STUCK REACHING FOR PENNY IN FIRE HYDRANT

Blacksmith Works an Hour, but Fails to Release Him; Hundreds Gather When Firemen Arrive and Finally Take Apparatus to Pieces.

Bernard Gates, 7 years old, of 22 Ludlow street, had a penny yesterday afternoon stuck in the hose connection of a fire hydrant at the intersection of Ludlow and Canal streets. He grabbed the penny, but by that time he had thrust his arm in as far as the elbow and could not withdraw it.

The boy began to cry, and a blacksmith came from a shop a few doors away and worked for an hour trying to loose the hydrant connections so the boy could be released. He failed and the firemen of Truck Company No. 5 and the rescue squad of the department were sent for. They worked for half an hour and released the boy after they loosened the connections of the hydrant and had lifted it from the pavement. The boy's hand still clutched his penny when it was withdrawn.

An ambulance surgeon, who called from Gouverneur Hospital, but found that Bernard had not been hurt excepting for a few slight cuts on the arm. Several hundred persons gathered to watch the firemen at work trying to release the boy.

# TOMATO MYSTERY DISTURBS ASTORIA

Miss Campbell Says It Came From Home of Neighbor: 'Absurd,' Says Mrs. Roos.

Did Mrs. Madeline La Compe Roos toss a tomato from an upper window of her home so that it nearly struck her neighbor, Miss Adele Campbell of 105 Woolsey street, Astoria, in the summer dress?

Or was the tomato thrown by bad small boys?

Miss Campbell, who is the daughter of Peter P. Campbell, secretary of the Queens County Republican Committee and an aid to District Attorney Dana Wallace, says the tomato came from Mrs. Roos's home. She saw a window close just as the tomato dropped, she said yesterday before Magistrate Harry Miller, and the Magistrate found Mrs. Roos guilty despite her protestations of innocence. The court room held most of the elite of Astoria as an audience.

"Charmingly absurd," declared Mrs. Roos, who is the wife of Charles Roos, a copper broker, when it came her turn to testify. "Why, I was entertaining company in my summer parlor when this tomato dropped. I am sure I do not entertain my guests by throwing vegetables."

When Magistrate Miller pronounced his judgment and said he would sentence Mrs. Roos on Monday she declared with emphasis:

"I'm being breaded!"

"Take that statement down for consideration when I impose sentence," the Magistrate commanded the court stenographer in a stern voice.

Mrs. Roos swept from the room and the audience, which had come in costly limousines, with footmen and chauffeurs, filed out slowly after her. Not in years has Astoria had such a sensation.

# BURGLAR'S BABY FAILS TO WIN CLEMENCY

Thomas Donovan Lied About Prison Record.

Thomas Lee Donovan, a burglar, 50 years old, of Boston, pleaded for clemency yesterday for the sake of his seven-month-old baby when arraigned for sentence before Judge Flanagan at New York.

"I can't. I'm sorry, but you have lied to the court," was Judge Flanagan's reply as he ordered Donovan to prison for two to seven years.

Judge Flanagan reminded Donovan that he had denied having a previous conviction and that his record showed that he had been in prison ten years out of the past twenty-eight. Donovan continued his pleas until he was led out of court.

# NINE HURT IN CRASH OF TRUCK AND TROLLEY

Brooklyn Surface Car Was Crowded When Struck.

Nine persons were hurt, two seriously, yesterday when a coal truck struck a crowded "one man" trolley car at Third avenue and Sackett street, Brooklyn, knocking it from the rails. James "Cerecia," 24, of 666 Fourth avenue, driver of the truck, was arrested when passengers and other witnesses declared he was driving at great speed.

Only two of the injured were taken to the hospital. One, a child, Maria Rugetta, 30, of 143 Ninth street, left thigh broken, and Nicola Bastie, 40, of 143 Ninth street, side injured. Both are in Cumberland Street Hospital. The other three, a child and a woman, were attended by ambulance surgeons and went home. After striking the trolley the truck slewed around in such a position as to prevent the trolley car overturning. It threatened to do after leaving the rails.

# RISKS HIS LIFE IN VAIN WHEN BROTHER DROWNS

Frank Ott Just Rarely Gets Ashore as Henry Sinks.

Frank Ott, 14, of 37 West 19th street, tried to save his brother, Henry, 19, from drowning in the Hudson River off 19th street yesterday afternoon, but was unable to get him ashore.

The Otto boys were in swimming with two other lads, and Henry suddenly went down. He came up calling for aid, and the boys tried to help him, but he went down together, but Frank came up a moment later alone, and had as much as he could do to get ashore. The other boys were some distance away.

# WILL OF MRS. MURRAY EXECUTED 64 YEARS AGO

Only Surviving Beneficiary Is to Receive \$200,000.

The will of Mrs. Abby Murray, widow of Augustus Murray, of London, a British naval officer, was filed yesterday for probate in country, Paris, Mrs. Murray at one time was a New Yorker, and still owned property here. She died in Paris in 1856. The will is remarkable in that it was executed sixty-four years ago, and all the beneficiaries but one are dead. The surviving beneficiary is a sister of the deceased, Baroness von Wurttemberg, Germany, who inherits the entire estate, here and abroad, estimated at \$200,000.

# TWO TIGRE CASES CONTINUED.

Assault Charges Against Detective to Be Tried September 12.

The two cases of simple assault against Detective Charles F. Tighe, on which he was held by Magistrate Simpson for trial in Special Sessions, were continued yesterday until September 12.

Sampson, Tighe's counsel, moved that the cases be postponed in view of other complaints against his client charging felonies. These cases are pending before the Grand Jury and in the Court of General Sessions.

The cases continued are those of Mrs. Ellen Fitzgerald of 32 West Forty-third street and Joseph L. Kenahan, an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Mrs. Fitzgerald claims Tighe assaulted her, and Kenahan charges him with striking a seven-year-old child.

# TRIED TO PICK COP'S POCKET.

Rash Youth Found Guilty of Attempted Grand Larceny.

Irving Manoff, 24 years old, of 101 East Broadway, Manhattan, was found guilty of attempted grand larceny by a jury before County Judge Bayes in Brooklyn yesterday.

On July 10 last, Manoff tried to pick the pocket of a man at the West End terminal, Coney Island. The intended victim proved to be Detective Frank Smith, who promptly arrested him. Manoff will be sentenced on Monday.

# GUIDES UP ON BOARD FOR TRANSIT DELAYS

McAnery Insists Action Be Taken on Numerous Contracts for Subways.

# 31 AWARDS HANG FIRE

Mayor's Plan to Throttle Miller's Commission Is Alleged Inspiration.

# NO RELIEF FOR BAD JAMS

I. R. T. Lavinia Ave. Extension Blocked Until Autumn, or Possibly Spring.

George McAnery, chairman of the Transit Commission, yesterday wrote to the Board of Estimate asking that it act upon the thirty-one contracts affecting uncompleted subway construction recently called to the board's attention. The board not only adjourned for the summer without action, but Mayor Hylan refused to allow the chairman's letter to be read in the open board meeting, and Comptroller Craig resented the "effrontery" of William Fullen, representative of the commission, in requesting that the letter be read.

Chairman McAnery later announced that "as one of the immediate consequences of the Board of Estimate's policy of construction it (the Transit Commission) is obliged to suspend indefinitely the opening of the new Lavinia avenue line beyond Pennsylvania avenue, one of the Interborough extensions in Brooklyn, and that the restoration of the surface in Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn, at present left in the torn condition in which the contractors finished the subsurface work, cannot receive attention until late fall or possibly until spring. These two instances are typical of many others that will prove equally embarrassing."

# Important Work Is Delayed.

The chairman's letter called the board's attention to the fact that "work of the utmost importance, much of it of an emergency character, has been held up or delayed because of failure of action in these matters."

It pointed out also that contrary to the former policy of the board of giving formal approval where award was made to the lowest bidder with full engineering approval, not a single award has been approved since this commission came into being, and the board has given "no intimation of the reason upon which this drastic action is based."

The attitude of the Board of Estimate, as is well known, however, is the direct result of the action of Mayor Hylan in holding up all rapid transit development in his zeal to throttle the commission which the Republican Legislature created to solve the transportation problem and supplant the Tammany commission which had failed to do so. That is the fight which started spectacularly by the hiring of Senator Hiram W. Johnson to kill the transit act in the courts, and which so far has resulted in his defeat in every court decision which has been handed down.

Though the Tammany majority of the Board of Estimate would not go so far as to rescind its award of a single item of only \$600 for the extension of the platforms of the Grand Central subway stations in order to relieve the horrible rush hour jams at that congested transfer point, it has not resisted making a demand upon the commission when a Tammany member found something he wanted the commission to do for him.

# Connolly Gets Request Through.

The board supported the request of Maurice E. Connolly, President of the Borough of Queens, for an order to direct the New York and Queens County Railway Company to relocate its tracks in certain streets in Queens which the Borough President desires to have regraded and repaved.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig was the only one who fought the request. He took the position that to make a request of the commission would be to recognize the city's position in its court fight. Finally, the board directed the Corporation Counsel to stipulate that the city did not waive its position and to take steps to prevent the commission from presuming upon the city's condescension in asking a favor.

# RIDGEWAY WILL STUDY SUBWAYS OF EUROPE

Engineer Goes for Ideas for Use of Transit Board.

The Transit Commission announced yesterday that Robert Ridgeway, its chief engineer, will start to-day on the Olympic for Europe to spend five weeks in study of methods of construction and operation of subway and other rapid transit railroads in the principal European cities. Among the centers which he will visit are London, Paris and Berlin. Mr. Ridgeway will be accompanied by Clifford M. Holland, chief engineer of the New York and Queens County Railway Bridge and Tunnel Commission, who goes abroad to study methods of construction and ventilation of vehicular tunnels in London and elsewhere.

Mr. Ridgeway's studies will take on special significance in the relation they may bear to the measures proposed for the construction of the new subway plan of the New York transit problem.

# SUES HER SON-IN-LAW.

Mrs. Humphrey Wants Pay for Care of Her Daughter.

Proof of service by publication was filed yesterday in Supreme Court in a suit of Mrs. Annie B. Humphrey to recover \$3,300 from her son-in-law, Ralph B. Drake, son of Frank B. Drake, Forty-second street restaurant. Mrs. Drake's daughter, Lydia Humphrey Drake, on July 26, 1918, after they had been married since June 30, 1904, and that Mrs. Humphrey has since had to provide for the support of the estate of the amount named in the suit. Drake is believed to be in business now in Tulsa, Okla.